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Community *notes*

Downtown Columbia News

A Pre-submission Community Meeting will take place on Saturday, February 20 at 1:00 p.m. in the Student Services Building, Room 400, HCC (10910 Little Patuxent Parkway) for the purpose of providing information to the community regarding a proposed Development Rights and Responsibilities Agreement regarding the proposed redevelopment of certain properties in Downtown Columbia.

The proposed agreement is in furtherance of the Joint Recommendations for Affordable Housing in Downtown Columbia and the vision for Downtown Columbia expressed in the Downtown Columbia Plan. This meeting is the next step in the public engagement process regarding these Joint Recommendations, subsequent to the series of public work sessions held by the Howard County Council on the topic between June and November of 2015. This Pre-submission Community Meeting will allow community residents and adjacent landowners to ask questions and make comments.

A Pre-submission Community Meeting will be conducted to present a Final Development Plan (FDP) Amendment for the Crescent Neighborhood of Downtown Columbia. The proposal covers 69 acres planned as mixed-use in the New Town Zoning district.



This meeting will take place on Thursday, March 3 at 6:30 p.m. in Kahler Hall, 5440 Old Tucker Row, Columbia. For more information, contact Mike Trappen at mtrappen@glwpa.com or 410-880-1820.

Greeting

This week's newsletter shares activities for all ages and quite a few interests. I hope that you find something you may enjoy.

Mary Kay

"Climate Change Hits the Hardest"

Join The Earth Forum on Sunday, February 21 at 2:00 p.m. to hear from Dr. Gaye Burpee of Catholic Relief Services who has worked in impoverished mountain areas of Central America. Dr. Burpee presents stories that explain how and why climate change daily threatens the lives of people in regions that are vulnerable to extreme weather events.



After her talk, you will be able to test your skill and learn what it takes for a village to survive extreme conditions by being part of our **Climate Disaster Simulation**. Enjoy nutritious refreshments and take time to view information tables that provide additional environmental activities, events, and programs in the area.

The Earth Forum, held at the First Presbyterian Church of Howard County, is free and open to all. For more information, visit www.earthforumhc.org. Contact: earthforum@firstpreshc.org or 410-730-3545.

Young People's Concerts presented by The Columbia Orchestra

Kids of all ages will enjoy a fun-filled introduction to orchestral music! On Saturday, February 20 choose either the 10:30 a.m. or 1:00 p.m. concert at Jim Rouse Theatre at Wilde Lake High School. Try your favorite instruments at the Musical Instrument Petting Zoo in between the two performances from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. The concert program features Badelt: Pirates of the Caribbean, Peck: Playing with Style, Rimsky-Korsakov: Scheherazade *featuring Dance Connections & Narrator Greg Jukes.*



Tickets: Ages 12 & up: \$15; ages 11 & under: FREE (\$3 service fee may apply). Click [here](#) to purchase tickets now!

Seeking Student Member for Village Board

The Hickory Ridge Village Board recently approved the addition of a Student Member to the Board of Directors. The Student Member will be appointed after an application and interview process, to serve a term from September 1, 2016 – April 30, 2017. The Student Member is expected to attend one Village Board meeting per month and to participate in at least one Hickory Ridge special event during his or her term. Student Members may express an opinion on all matters except those dealing with personnel, budgets, or contracts.

In order to qualify as a candidate for a Student Member position, the applicant must:

- Live at an assessment-paying residence within the Village of Hickory Ridge ("outparcel" residents will not be considered).
- Be at least 15 years of age by the beginning of his/her term of office.
- Be a high school student (public or private) during his/her term of office.
- Have and maintain a verifiable "B" average during his/her term of office.
- Obtain two letters of recommendation: one from a faculty member at the candidate's school, and one from a non-related adult familiar with the candidate's record of and/or aptitude for reliable community service.
- Submit a completed [Student Board Member Application](#) by the deadline date.

Applications for this position are due by May 20, 2016. If you have any questions, please contact the Hickory Ridge Village Manager at 410-730-7327 or jduvall@hickoryridgevillage.org.

This is a wonderful opportunity for a local high school student to serve as an adviser to the Board, particularly on issues of interest to the youth and teen community.

"Something's Happening Here"

The Power of Storytelling: Sharing Stories for a Stranger Community

Howard County Conservancy invites you to participate in an afternoon and/or evening workshop filled with great stories on Friday, February 26.

Storytelling Workshop: 2:00 – 6:00 p.m. \$75/person
We all have stories to tell. Enjoy an afternoon of creating, honing, and sharing your story. Working with a professional, Leigh Tillman, a native of Howard County, you will learn: the elements of a good story; techniques for delivery and more!

Space is limited; price includes a light dinner and admission to evening session.

An Evening of Local Stories: 7:00 p.m. \$10/person
Experience an exciting evening of stories that originate in our community. You won't want to miss this unique opportunity to listen to personal stories told by ten engaging Howard Countians. Meet the storytellers, hear tales of local life and revel in the art of storytelling. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Visit www.hcconservancy.org to register.

Yekwon Sunwoo at the Smith Theatre

Winner of five piano competitions in Europe, pianist Yekwon Sunwoo will demonstrate his mastery in solo recital on Saturday, February 27 at 8:00 p.m. as part of Candlelight Concert Society's Chamber Music Series. Mr. Sunwoo will perform Schubert's Impromptu No. 3 in B-flat Major D. 935; Rachmaninoff's Sonata No. 2 in B-flat minor, Op. 36; and Chopin's 24 Preludes, Op. 28.

Yekwon Sunwoo has won several first prizes at international competitions: 2015 International German Piano Award, the 2014 "Vendome Prize" held at the prestigious Verbier Festival; the 2013 Sendai International Music Competition; the 2012 Piano Campus International Concours in France, the 2012 William Kapell International Piano Competition at the University of MD, the 2010 Queen Elisabeth Competition, and the 2009 Interlaken Classics Competition in Switzerland.



The performance will be held in Smith Theatre, Horowitz Center for the Visual & Performing Arts, Howard Community College, 10901 Little Patuxent Parkway. Tickets are \$35 for adults, \$32 for seniors, \$12 for full-time students (ages 9-17 are admitted free with a paying adult). CCS is also offering groups of 10 or more \$25 adult tickets and two complimentary tickets for every eight paid tickets. For tickets or more information visit, the [website](#).

Columbia Festival of the Arts Presents *Beyond the Winter Blues*

It's the final weekend of the winter festival. Check out the offerings:

Saturday, February 20, 2016 ■ 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

FILM: FRUITVALE STATION | Sundance Audience and Grand Jury Prize Winner

Monteabaro Recital Hall, Howard Community College

"Fruitvale Station" is the true story of 22-year-old Oscar Grant, who wakes up on the morning of December 31, 2008 and gets a head start on his resolutions. He strives to be a better son to his mother, whose birthday falls on New Year's Eve, a better partner to his girlfriend, and a better father to their beautiful 4 year old daughter. The day ends with events on the Fruitvale Station train platform that shook the San Francisco Bay Area to its core. [Tickets: \\$11](#)



Saturday, February 20, 2016 ■ 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

BLACK LIVES, BLACK WORDS | Six Short Plays From a New Theatre Movement

Monteabaro Recital Hall, Howard Community College

Short works by up-and-coming black playwrights from Chicago and London, exploring the black diaspora of experiences in some of the largest multicultural cities in the world. This project gives voice to contemporary black writers from the US and the UK, asking them to explore the question "Do black lives matter today?" These plays not only discuss these

important issues but also seek to provide solutions to the many problems that our community is struggling with. [Tickets: \\$17](#)

Sunday, February 21, 2016 ■ 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

COLUMBIA VOICES | Staged Reading Of Act One

by Gwydion Suilebhan, Directed by Todd Olson

Oliver's Carriage House – Kittamaqundi Community Church

In 2014 The Columbia Festival of the Arts awarded a

commission to playwright Gwydion

Suilebhan for the creation of a new play

inspired by Columbia's founding in 1967.

With an eye on Columbia's 50th Birthday in

2017 (which is also The Festival's 30th

Anniversary), we are again showcasing this

work-in-progress with a staged reading of

select scenes. [Tickets: \\$11](#)



The CFA presents its spring festival April 8—24. Visit the [webpage](#) to preview the lineup.

Transportation Options for Downtown Columbia

The Howard County Office of Transportation and the Downtown Columbia Partnership invite you to a public meeting on Thursday, February 25, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at the Central Branch of the Howard County Library. The meeting presenters will share the Transportation Demand Management Plan that is currently being drafted as part of the Downtown Columbia Plan and will solicit input from the community.

NWS SKYWARN® Courses in Howard County

Registration is now open for two National Weather Service (NWS) SKYWARN® Courses in Howard County!

Class #1-SKYWARN® Spotter Basic Class

Tuesday, March 1, 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. George Howard Building, 3430 Court House Drive, Ellicott City.

NWS personnel will train you to recognize features associated with developing, mature, and dissipating thunderstorms, which cause hazardous weather such as lightning, flooding, hail, tornadoes, and downbursts. You will learn the basics about winter weather and tropical hazards. Participants will obtain a SKYWARN® spotter number, which will be maintained in the official database at the NWS in Sterling, and how to report this vital weather information to the NWS. Registration is required. Please click [here](#).

Class #2-SKYWARN® Flood Class

Tuesday, March 15, 6:30 - 9:30 p.m., George Howard Building, 3430 Court House Drive, Ellicott City

The course is intended for all levels of expertise, though having attended a Basic class is mandatory to attend. NWS also requires you to be at least 14 years of age. Before the training there will be emergency equipment displays and brief remarks by NWS Director Dr. Louis W. Uccellini. Registration is required. Register [online](#).



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